

REMARKS

The Office Action has taken the position that restriction to one of the following groups of claims is required under 35 U.S.C. 121. The Office Action placed the claims into the following groups:

- Group I: Claims 30-32 drawn to a mold for forming a conduit, classified in class 425, subclass 117.
- Group II: Claims 33-37, drawn to a method for manufacturing a blood delivery conduit, classified in class 264, subclass 138.

In response to the restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121, claims 33-37 are elected without traverse. Claims 30-32 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Support for this amendment is clearly found in the application as originally filed. No new matter is presented.

Examination and favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner comes to believe that a telephone conversation may be useful in addressing any remaining open issues in this case, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned agent at 763-391-9867.

A request for a one (1) month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) has been filed with this amendment. Please charge to Deposit Account No. 13-2546 the fee of \$120.00 which is required for the one-month extension of time.


An information disclosure statement accompanies this amendment.

Please charge any required fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2546.

Respectfully submitted,

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